

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Child Welfare Conference

**ICWA: Strengthening Families, Communities, and Our Future**

**May 5, 2016 6-8 PM**

## **Reception to Honor Indian Foster Families**

Multi-Agency State Office Building, Room 1020 A, B, C  
195 North 1950 West, SLC, UT

**May 6, 2016 8-4 PM**

## **Conference**

Utah State Library Auditorium  
250 North 1950 West, SLC, UT

## **Live-Stream via Web Broadcast (May 6<sup>th</sup> Only)**

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
440 North Paiute Dr.  
Cedar City, UT 84721



Sponsored by Casey Family Programs, Division of Child and Family Services, Division of Juvenile Justice Services, Parental Defense Alliance, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Utah's Court Improvement Program, Utah Division of Indian Affairs, Utah Foster Care Foundation, Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation)

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6:00 PM

**Master of Ceremonies:**

Hon. Debra Ridley, Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation)

**Opening Prayer:** Damon Polk (San Carlos Apache and Quechan Indian Nation)

**Welcome:** Ann Williamson, Executive Director, UT. Dept. of Human Services

**Dinner & Video Presentation**

6:30 PM

**Adoptive Parent Speaker:** Alisa A. Lee (Fort Independence Paiute/Shoshone)

**Honoring Ceremony**

**Song:** Ramon Barton (Assiniboine/Cree) and Raenisa Barton (Ute/Hopi)

**Cultural Performance:** Li'l Feathers

7:30 PM

**Keynote Address:**

Commissioner Rafael López

Administration on Children, Youth and Families

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Introduction:**

Hon. Jeffrey Noland, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



Nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate, Rafael López is the Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

8:00 PM

**Closing Prayer:** Damon Polk (San Carlos Apache and Quechan Indian Nation)

### Children's Activity:

6-8 PM Room 1019 A&B

Pictograph Tile Magnets

Provided by Hill Air Force Base

Archaeologist/Cultural Resource Manager



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7:30 - 8:30 AM **Registration & Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Ceremony**  
Master of Ceremonies:  
Hon. Debra Ridley, Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation)  
Song: Ramon Barton (Assiniboine/Cree) and Raenisa Barton (Ute/Hopi)

9:00 - 9:45 AM **Keynote Address:**  
**ICWA Strengthening Families, Communities, and Our Future**  
Hon. William A. Thorne, Jr. (Pomo/Coast Miwok)

9:45 - 10:00 AM **Break**

10:00 - 12:00 PM **Indian Child Welfare Act:**  
**All the Changes and Updates You Need to Know**  
Victoria Sweet (Anishinaabe), Program Attorney  
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch & Honoring Ceremony**  
**Presentation of Honorees:**  
Shirlee Silversmith, Director, Utah Division of Indian Affairs  
**Honor song:** Ramon Barton (Assiniboine/Cree) and Raenisa Barton (Ute/Hopi)

1:00 - 2:15 PM **ICWA ALSO APPLIES...**  
**ICWA & Delinquency Panel (1:00 PM -- 1:45 PM)**  
Hon. Keith Eddington, Juvenile Court Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Hon. William Reynolds, Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation)

**ICWA & Private Adoptions Panel (1:45 PM -- 2:15 PM)**  
Angilee K. Dakic, Senior Attorney, Utah Legal Services Tribal Division  
Heather Tanana (Navajo), Attorney, Richards Brandt Miller Nelson

2:15 - 2:30 PM **Break**

2:30 - 3:15 PM **Integrating Native Ways for Foster and Adoptive Children & Healing**  
Damon Polk (San Carlos Apache and Quechan Indian Nation), CADC II  
Behavioral Care Department, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah

3:15 - 4:00 PM **ICWA in Utah Panel Discussion**  
Alisa Lee, ICWA Administrator, Utah Division of Child and Family Services  
David Boyer, Co-Director, Parental Defense Alliance  
David Carlson, Child Protection Division Director, Utah Office of the Attorney General  
Gabiella Archuleta, Court Improvement Program Coordinator, Utah State Courts  
Hon. Julie Lund, Juvenile Court Judge, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Utah State Courts  
Stacey Snyder, Director, Utah Office of the Guardian ad Litem

4:00 PM **Closing Prayer:** Damon Polk (San Carlos Apache and Quechan Indian Nation)  
**Handout Certificates**